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The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
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Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

As members of the Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations of the House Government Reform Committee, we are writing to request information related to several committees you have established, or may be establishing soon, to study various defense issues. We understand from press accounts and other sources that you have ordered the establishment of approximately nine advisory committees to examine issues from acquisition reform and financial management to missile defense and service member quality of life. We also understand that more of these advisory committees may be established in the future pending the arrival of additional political nominees.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act was passed to ensure that United States government officials are not unduly influenced by individuals outside government with special interests and agendas. To protect governmental decision making from this type of insider influence, the Act requires that advisory committee meetings be open to the public and that the minutes and records of committee meetings be available for public viewing. The Act also requires that interested individuals be permitted to attend and file statements with advisory groups.

In light of the important interests served by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, we request that you provide the following information:

- (1) a complete list of the committees established or soon to be established;
- (2) the names, status, and contact information for all individuals who have participated, or will participate, in any way in these committee activities, including whether these individuals are:
 - (a) government or nongovernment employees;
 - (b) paid personnel or unpaid advisors;
 - (c) contract or direct hires;
 - (d) temporary or permanent employees; and
 - (e) part-time or full-time employees.

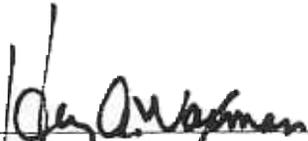
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copies of all contracts, task orders, employment agreements, and other understandings with individuals who have participated, or will participate, in any way with these committee activities; and

copies of all contracts, task orders, employment agreements, amendments, and supplements with Federally Funded Research and Development Centers that have participated, or will participate, in any way with these committee activities.

We would appreciate a response to this request by Friday, August 3, 2001. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact David Rapallo at (202) 225-5420. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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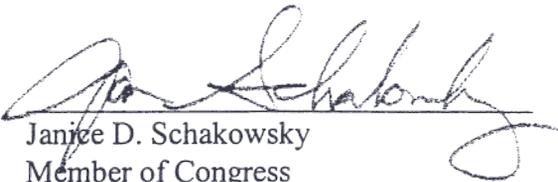
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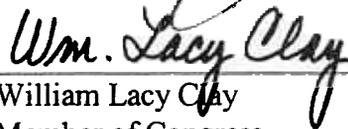
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